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MATERIAL

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 30, 2002, the Applicants elect with traverse the invention of Group I corresponding to Claims 1-8.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement by noting that MPEP § 803 states:

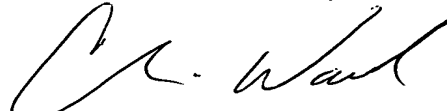
... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding restriction requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group of claims be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-9 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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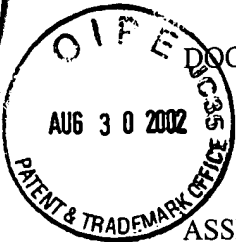


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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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